

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES** 

## Wastewater News

## **Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Renewal of General Permit for Mining and Processing Facilities**

The Iowa DNR will hold a public stakeholder meeting to answer questions and collect public comments on the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit #5 for mining and processing facility discharges.

The stakeholder meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 17 at the Urbandale Public Library in Meeting Room A, located at 3520 86th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322.

The Mining and Processing Facility Discharges General Permit 5 (GP5) will expire on July 19, 2021. The Iowa DNR proposes to initiate rulemaking to renew the permit for a forth five-year term. Changes to the proposed GP5 include updated formatting, edits to simplify and improve clarity, and the inclusion of hazardous condition reporting requirements.

A draft showing the proposed changes is available online at: <a href="https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/NPDES-Wastewater-Permitting/NPDES-General-Permits/GP5-Mining-Processing">https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/NPDES-Wastewater-Permitting/NPDES-General-Permits/GP5-Mining-Processing</a>.

At the meeting, people may ask questions on the proposed permit and make oral comments. Written comments can be submitted through June 24 to David Schelling, lowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E. Ninth St. Des Moines, lowa 50319-0034; by fax at 515-725-8202; or by email, including the commenter's name, to <a href="mailto:David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov">David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov</a>.

Please contact David Schelling at <u>David.Schelling@dnr.iowa.gov</u> if you have any questions on the draft permit or stake holder meeting.